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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (canceled).

Claim 2 (previously presented): A masonry anchor according to claim 14, wherein said bracket comprises a single metal wire.

Claim 3 (previously presented): A masonry anchor according to claim 14, wherein said first welding contact point is proximate the first end of said cross-member, and said second welding contact point is proximate the second end of said cross-member.

Claims 4-6 (canceled).

Claim 7 (currently amended): A method for anchoring first and second spaced apart walls together to form a single wall structure comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a masonry anchor comprising:

(1) an elongate support frame for being embedded in a mortar joint

of said first wall,

(2) a plurality of brackets carried by said support frame in spaced-apart relation along a length thereof in a common plane defined by the support frame and adapted for extending outwardly from the support frame into the cavity for connection to a like plurality of spaced-apart connecting members embedded in a mortar joint of the second wall and extending outwardly into the cavity therefrom, each of said plurality of brackets comprising:

(i) first and second laterally spaced-apart arms, each arm having a connector on an outwardly extending end portion thereof for engaging a respective ~~complimentary~~ complementary connector carried by each of the connecting members, and

(ii) a cross-member extending between the first and second arms, said cross-member shaped to define a concavity in relation to the support frame and first and second spaced-apart welding contact points where the bracket is welded to the support frame;

- (b) positioning the support frame on the mortar joint of the first wall;
- (c) engaging the connectors of each bracket with the respective ~~complimentary~~ complementary connectors carried by each of the connecting members;
- (d) positioning the connecting members on a mortar joint of the second wall;

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and

- (e) affixing the support frame to the first wall and affixing the connecting members to the second wall to form a single wall structure.

Claim 8 (original): A method for anchoring first and second spaced apart walls together according to claim 7, wherein the step of affixing the support frame to the first wall and affixing the connecting members to the second wall comprises depositing mortar on the mortar joints of said first and second walls.

Claim 9 (previously presented): A masonry anchor according to claim 14, wherein the masonry anchor is attached to the support member by welding the first and second welding points to the support member.

Claims 10-11 (canceled).

Claim 12 (previously presented): A masonry anchor according to claim 14, wherein the support member comprises an elongate wire.

Claim 13 (previously presented): A masonry anchor according to claim 14, wherein the connecting bracket is substantially U-shaped.

Claim 14 (currently amended): A masonry anchor for connecting first and second spaced-apart walls defining a cavity therebetween, comprising:

- (a) a connecting bracket comprising:
 - (i) a cross member having first and second ends and a curve formed intermediate the first and second ends defining first and second spaced-apart welding points;
 - (ii) a first arm extending substantially straight from a proximal end connected to the first end of the cross member to a distal end having a first connector formed thereon, the first connector comprising an eye sized and shaped to receive a ~~complimentary~~ complementary connecting member;
 - (iii) a second arm extending substantially straight from a proximal end connected to the second end of the cross member to a distal end having a second connector formed thereon, the second connector comprising an eye sized and shaped to receive a ~~complimentary~~ complementary connecting member; and
 - (iv) wherein the first and second arms are substantially parallel with each other and substantially perpendicular and coplanar with the cross member, and further wherein the first and second connectors lie substantially flat on a common plane with the cross member, the first arm, and the second arm; and

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(b) a support member for being embedded in a mortar joint of the first wall,
wherein the connecting bracket is attached to the support member by
attachment of the first and second welding points to the support member, and
the support member and the masonry anchor reside in the common plane.

Claim 15 (previously presented): A masonry anchor according to claim 14, wherein the
support member comprises a support frame having at least two elongate wires
connected by a plurality of transverse wires.